

Summer Reading Updates

Update – 2019 CSLP “A Universe of Stories” flash drive distribution

For libraries who were unable to attend the KDLA Youth Services Retreat, flash drives with summer reading material from the [Collaborative Summer Library Program](#) will be delivered by your Regional Consultant. If there are any problems with the USB, or if material is not received by the end of January, please contact KDLA Youth Services Consultant, Krista King-Oaks: krista.king-oaks@ky.gov

For more information about terms of use with CSLP material, visit KDLA’s Summer Reading site:

<https://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/programs/summerreading/Pages/default.aspx>

Reminder - Webinar: Resource Overview for "A Universe of Stories"

Tuesday, December 18, 4:00 PM EST/ 3:00 PM CST

Register:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/df2fa6a0aff0587ed746f627e8486654?timezone_id=America%2FNew_York

Looking for activities, websites, how-to videos, training, and more for the 2019 Summer Reading Theme? Join the STAR Library Network for an overview of vetted, free resources available through NASA, the STAR Library Network, and the STEM Activity Clearinghouse. Presenters will walk you through how to find, access, and sort through – remember, availability doesn’t always equal accessibility! - these resources and offer guidance on how your library can best utilize them!

Grant & Scholarship Opportunities

Reminder - Apply by Jan. 1 for Summer Learning Grants

YALSA is giving away twenty-five \$1,000 [grants](#) to support libraries’ efforts to reach underserved teens over the summer months, as well as another twenty-five \$1,000 [grants](#) to support hiring teen interns over the summer. Learn more and apply by **Jan. 1** at <http://summerreading.ning.com/page/summer-learning-grants>.

2019 Symposium Location, Program Proposals, and Travel Stipend

YALSA is excited to announce that the 2019 YA Services Symposium will be held in **Memphis, TN Nov. 1 - 3**. Program proposals for the 2019 symposium open **Dec. 17**. If you are planning to attend the 2019 symposium, don’t forget to apply for the travel stipend. There are two stipends available that will help offset traveling expenses to the symposium -- one for library workers and one for graduate students. Apply by **June 1**. Learn more at www.ala.org/yalsa/yasymposium or sign up for updates at tinyurl.com/yalsa-symposiumupdates.

Kentucky Library News

Lexington Public Library has gone to the “Wild Things”

The Lexington Public Library would like to invite our Kentucky library community to attend a very special exhibit this December and January.

Beginning December 20, LPL will be displaying fifty original pieces of artwork by Maurice Sendak in the gallery at Central Library, including some of the original sketches for [Where the Wild Things Are](#). This exhibit has appeared across the country, including at Disney!

The exhibit will be accompanied by a wide variety of programs including films, drama, & more. Partners at the Clark County Public Library and Scott County Public Library are also hosting a series of events at their locations. Visitors can also try their luck at a digital scavenger hunt, with prize baskets chock full of Sendak goodness, (from Wild Things socks to a Where the Wild Things Are viewfinder) awarded to some of those who complete it.

Read more at www.lexpublib.org/wildthings or please feel free to contact Natalie Frost Davis, Programming Manager, with any questions: ndavis@lexpublib.org

ALA News

2019 Teens' Top Ten Nominee Book Suggestions

Encourage your teens to [nominate](#) their favorite titles to be considered as a [2019 Teens' Top Ten](#) nominee! Teens aged 12-18 can nominate titles via the [public nomination form](#). For books to be eligible for consideration, they must be published between Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2018. Teens can [submit](#) a book title through **Jan. 1, 2019** to be included in the pool of 2019 nominee candidates.

YALSA seeking input on Strategic Plan

As YALSA embarks on forming the next YALSA Strategic Plan, we would like to get [feedback](#) from the library community about their interests and the direction of the organization. The [feedback](#) you provide will help us to design programs and services to best suit your needs. All survey responses are strictly confidential and will not be shared beyond YALSA. The [survey](#) should take about 10 minutes to complete. Please fill out the [survey](#) by **Dec. 15** at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J3PSS6S>.

Youth & Education in the News

Trump emphasizes workforce training in new vision for STEM education via [Science Magazine](#)
(Note: Additional analysis available at [U.S. News & World Report](#) and [School Library Journal](#))

Sesame Street introduces Lily, the first muppet to experience homelessness via [CNN](#)

Public Library News & Trends

Caboose will become children's library via [I Love Libraries](#)

The Year in SLJ Covers (& Stories) via [School Library Journal](#)

On Information Privilege & Equity via [the Never Ending Search Blog](#)

YS Literature New & Trends

YALSA's 2019 Excellence in Nonfiction Award Shortlist Revealed via [School Library Journal](#)

A Publisher Reflects on the Blurred Line between Middle Grade and YA via [Publishers Weekly](#)

Political Books for Children Explore the Meaning of Citizenship via [Publishers Weekly](#)

Training Spotlight

Second Annual Asbury Children's Literature Conference – Saturday, April 13, 2019

Asbury Children's Literature Conference is a one-day conference to promote awareness of new youth literature. Attendees will meet and learn from the following authors/illustrators about their creative process: Louise Borden, Denise Fleming, E.B. Lewis, and Matthew Reinhart. There will also be breakout sessions on incorporating children's literature into the K-12 curriculum and educational programming led by a children's illustrator (E.B. Lewis), education faculty, in-service teachers, librarians, and storytellers. This conference will be helpful to teachers, librarians, pre-service teachers, and parents. Attendees can receive professional development credits. This conference will be held at Asbury University on April 13, 2019. For more information about this conference and to register, go to the following site: asbury.edu/ACLC.

There will be presentations by four authors/illustrators and two breakout sessions:

<https://www.asbury.edu/life/conferences-camps/childrens-literature-conference/schedule/>

Breakout proposals are still being accepted and can be submitted at the following link:

<https://www.asbury.edu/life/conferences-camps/childrens-literature-conference/breakout-sessions/>

2018 "Best of" Lists & Recaps

Ongoing updates throughout December 2018. Missing a favorite list? Post a recommendation to the KYAC listserv!

Library Trade Publications:

- ***NEW*** Best Youth Books of 2018 via [Booklist](#)
- **Publisher's Weekly:**
 - [Children's Starred Reviews 2018](#)
 - [Best Children's and YA Books of 2018](#)
- **School Library Journal:**
 - [Best Books of 2018](#)
 - [Best Adult Books 4 Teens](#)
 - ***NEW*** [Top 10 Graphic Novels of 2018](#) (all ages)
 - ***NEW*** [Top 10 Audiobooks](#)
 - ***NEW*** [Top 10 Children's Music](#)
- **Kirkus "rolling" 2018 Best Lists:**
 - [Picture Books](#)
 - [Middle Grade](#)
 - ***NEW*** [Young Adult](#)

Library Media & Blogs:

- **2018 Best Children's & Teen Books of the Year** via [Shelf Awareness](#)
- **2018 Best Books for Kids** via [New York Public Library](#)
- **Chicago Public Library's Best Books of 2018 – from Board Books to Manga** – via [CCPL website](#)
- ***NEW*** **31 Days, 31 Lists for 2018 "rolling" series** via Fuse 8 Blog
 - [Board Books & Pop-Up Books](#)
 - [Wordless Picture Books](#)
 - [Picture Book Readalouds](#)

- [Alphabet Books](#)
- **Board Books 2018: What We've Got Here Is an Oddly Strong Year** via [Fuse 8 Blog](#)
(Repost from spring 2018 in light of year-end reviews!)

National Media:

- **The 10 Best YA and Children's Books of 2018** via [Time Magazine](#)
- **Kids Notables 2018** via [New York Times Book Review](#)
- **The 2018 New York Times/New York Public Library Best Illustrated Children's Books** via [NYT](#)
- **Best Children's Books of 2018** via [The Washington Post](#)
- (Guest Interview with Jason Reynolds)

Award Lists:

- **2018 Notable Children's Books** via [Association of Library Services to Children](#)
- **2018 Youth Media Awards** via [American Library Association](#)
- **Children's and Teen Book Choice Awards** via [Children's Book Council](#)
- **National Book Award for Young People's Literature** via [National Book Foundation](#)

Miscellany:

- **2018 Book Concierge** via [NPR](#)
- **Parents' 15 Best Books of 2018** via [Parent Magazine](#)
- **Best Kids' Books 2018 – 15 Captivating Reads for All Ages** via [PopSugar Family](#)
- **Best Children's Books of 2018** via [The Telegraph \(U.K.\)](#)
- ***NEW*** **The Best Books of 2018, According to Independent Bookstores** via [Southern Living Magazine](#)
- ***NEW*** **The 30 Best Young Adult Novels of 2018** via [Paste Magazine](#)
- ***NEW*** **The 24 Best YA Books Of 2018** via [BuzzFeed](#)
- **Choice Awards & Best Books of 2018** via [Goodreads](#): (Long Lists – Winner announced Dec. 4)
 - [Best Picture Books](#)
 - [Best Middle Grade & Children's](#)
 - [Young Adult Science Fiction & Fantasy](#)
 - [Young Adult Fiction](#)
 - [Best Debut Author \(ft. YA\)](#)
 - [Best Poetry \(ft. YA\)](#)
 - [Best Comics and Graphic Novels](#)

****And because it is never too early to start planning...***

2019 January through April Book Awards via [5 Minute Librarian](#)

Important Dates/State & National Conferences

[ALA Youth Media Awards](#): January 28, ALA Midwinter, Seattle

Kentucky Public Library Association Spring Conference: March 27-29, Marriott Griffin Gate, Lexington

American Library Association Annual Conference: June 20-25, Washington D.C.

Kentucky Association of School Librarians Summer Refresher: July 15 & 16

Collaborative Summer Library Program Conference: September 16-20, Indianapolis
Kentucky Library Association Fall Conference: October 15 & 16, Bowling Green
YALSA Symposium: November 1-3, Memphis

Just for Fun

Merry Christmas, ya filthy animal - Every Booby Trap in 'Home Alone', the flipbook (GENIUS) via [Boing Boing](#)